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SUBJECT: NPG - LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM

REF: A) USNATO 5280 (DTG 141112Z JUNE 1977)
B) USNATO 5377 (DTG 151609Z JUNE 1977)

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1. WE AGREE WITH APPROACH TO TNF IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE
LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM SET FORTH IN REFTEL (A). THE
SCENARIO YOU LAY OUT IN PARA TWO IS AS WE ENVISAGE IT.
NOTE SHOULD BE TAKEN OF US OFFER OF OUTLINE, PER PARA 8
OF NPG AGREED MINUTE IN OTTAWA.

2. WHILE ACCORDING THE SUBJECT "SEPARATE AND DIFFERENT"

PROCEDURAL TREATMENT AS YOU DESCRIBE, WE HOPE TO BE AS SUBSTANTIVELY PROGRAMMATIC AS POSSIBLE IN THIS NEXT STAGE OF TNF IMPROVEMENTS WORK, AS WE WILL BE IN THE OTHER NINE LONG TERM PROGRAM AREAS. ALL WILL RECOGNIZE OF COURSE THAT THERE ARE LIMITS TO THIS APPROACH. WE ALSO INTEND TO INVOLVE THE ALLIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (THAT IS, FOLLOWING INITIAL US INITIATIVE IN NPG) SO AS TO AVOID A "MADE IN US" LABEL TO EVENTUAL PROGRAM. THIS POINT WAS EMPHASIZED TO MUMFORD DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT.

3. AS FOR MANAGEMENT, YOU SHOULD NOTE NPG AGREED MINUTE CALLED FOR HANDLING PROGRAM "IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL NPG PROCEDURES." WE EXPECT THEREFORE THAT MINISTERS AND PERMREPS WILL BE ACTIVELY AND CONTINUOUSLY INVOLVED IN PREPARATION AND DISCUSSIONS OF PROGRAM. WE PREFER TO FOCUS WORK IN THIS MANNER RATHER THAN THROUGH NPG STAFF GROUP, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT STAFF GROUP WOULD BE INVOLVED TO SOME EXTENT. ANY PRODUCTS WOULD BE CLEARED BY NPG MINISTERS BEFORE BEING PASSED TO DPC. (FYI: THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PERMREPS AND MINISTERS, UNLIKE OTHER PROGRAMS, IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT GIVEN THE LIKELY INVOLVEMENT OF SENSITIVE SUBJECTS. END FYI.)

4. RE USNATO 5377 ON NOMINATION OF TASK FORCE DIRECTORS, WE BELIEVE THAT SHOULD BE UNNECESSARY IN NPG CASE, GIVEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF USUAL NPG PROCEDURES. THE NPG PERMREPS MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS THESE ARRANGEMENTS, AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THEIR OBSERVATIONS.

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